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Superfluities of Men.
That women cannot be gay and agreeable in the society of their own sex alone is a superstition that has been very largely dispelled by the unqualified success of ladies' clubs. It is quite possible for women to continue to meet each other day after day apart from men without scratching out each other's eyes, to dine harmoniously and gaily together without male guests, and, in short, to get along quite pleasantly by themselves.

Cashing Bank Checks.
A Nebraska court has held that where a man receives a check in payment of a bill, and lives in the same town with the bank on which the check is drawn, his only safeguard is to cash the check by the following day at the latest.

Were Finally Hitched.
"There was not a hitch of any kind," says an esteemed contemporary in its account of a wedding. "From the time the engagement was announced until the service was read." Then, of course, the happy pair were hitched all right.

Animal and Vegetable Foods.
Animal foods, judged by bulk and weight, are more expensive, pound for pound, than vegetable foods. But, as a whole, vegetable foods are not more economical. Animal foods furnish more than six-tenths of the protein and nine-tenths of the fat of the total food consumed.

Antiquity of Man.
The evidence presented has been regarded as conclusive by competent geologists acquainted with the locality in proving the great antiquity of man in the Delaware Valley. It seems that we may now infer that he was there certainly during the later glacial deposits at Trenton, if not during pre-glacial times.

Bright's Disease Cured.
Whitehall, Ill., Dec. 7.—A case has been recorded in this place recently, which upsets the theory of many physicians that Bright's Disease is incurable. It is the case of Mr. Lon Manley, whom the doctors told that he could never recover. Mr. Manley tells the story of his case and how he was cured in this way:

"I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills after the doctors had given me up. For four or five years I had Kidney, Stomach and Liver Troubles; I was a general wreck and at times I would get down with my back so bad that I could not turn myself in bed for three or four days at a time."

"I had several doctors and at last they told me I had Bright's Disease, and that I could never get well. I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and I am now able to do all my work and am all right. I most heartily recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills and am very thankful for the cure they worked in my case. They saved my life after the doctors had given me up."

Large Gift to Hospital.
An anonymous donor has given \$1,500,000 to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, to buy the land required for extension.

Insist on Getting It.
Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 10 oz. for the same money.

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China's Census.
A recent census of China shows that that country, crowded with "teeming millions," has 163 to the square mile, Belgium has 220 to the square mile, Great Britain 130 and Germany 165.

The Lost Tribes of Israel.
The ten tribes of Israel were lost 721 B. C., when carried captive by Sennacherib, King of Assyria. Their fate has been a matter of all sorts of speculation.

The Best Results in Starching
can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

It is mighty hard for a woman to keep from cheering the winning side, no matter whose it is.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contains Mercury.
Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it in any form. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

What the dew is to the flower kind words are to the heart.

IF YOU USE BALL BLUE.
Get Red Cross Ball Blue, the best Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

Love is blind, so naturally lovers make spectacles of themselves.

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Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

Thought travels fast, but some people's thoughts never travel far.

YELLOW CLOTHES ARE UNSIGHTLY.
Keep them white with Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers sell large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

Patience is a virtue when it has a little hustle on the side.

All Up to Date Housekeepers
use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

The man who always says exactly what he thinks is often silent.

RECORD RUN TO KANSAS CITY.

Wabash Train Makes Trip in Five Hours and Fifty Minutes.
Wabash train No. 9, fast mail between St. Louis and Kansas City, made a record-breaking run from St. Louis to Kansas City Sunday afternoon.

The schedule time for starting is 2:20 p. m., and the regular time for the run is seven hours and ten minutes. No. 9 started one hour late, lost twenty minutes on the way and pulled into Kansas City on time, making the run in five hours and fifty minutes, five minutes faster than any previous record.

There was a full equipment of a mail car, combination car, chair car and diner. At many places along the route the train showed a speed of seventy miles an hour, and between Mexico and Montgomery City a mile a minute was recorded off. The distance is twenty-four miles, and it took just twenty-four minutes to make the trip.

The train was in charge of Conductor J. S. Gould. The engineer was George Nelson and the fireman was Charles Summerville.—St. Louis Republic.

Antarctic icebergs.
Icebergs in the Arctic regions are neither so large nor so numerous as those seen in the Antarctic seas, but they are usually loftier and more beautiful, with spires and domes. When the sun shines on them, they look like a fairy city.

Famous Child Student.
Torquato Tasso was famous throughout Italy before he was nine years old as an accomplished Greek and Latin scholar, and the author of clever and polished verses; and at thirteen he was the intellectual center of the brilliant court at Urbino.

Death of British Centenarian.
An authentic centenarian, Viscountess Glenworth, died recently in England, age one hundred years and three months. She was married seventy-seven years ago to the grandson of the Earl of Limerick and celebrated her golden wedding with her second husband in 1897.

Profits in Municipal Plants.
Municipal development of water, gas, electricity, street railways, markets, baths and cemeteries in Nottingham, England, has shown an average annual net profit of \$158,000 for the last four years. The money is applied to the reduction of taxes.

Manufacture Toys.
The manufacture of toys has become important as a domestic or house industry among the people in the little principality of Meiningen, and the small villages in the country about Sonneberg contain many skilled wood-carvers and cabinet makers.

Kept Tab.
A New York girl testified in a breach of promise case that the defendant had kissed her exactly 1386 times. She must have used a street car register on him and rung up every kiss as she collected it.—Denver Post.

Missouri Notes

The Missouri mule family numbers 300,000, the total value of which is 23 million dollars.

Fayetteville is to have a barber soon. The young men's social club has postponed several social affairs until he arrives.

A couple of fond parents down in Christian county have named their new son Russell Sage Pierpont Morgan Rockefeller. The baby's surname is Pitts.

"There was one consolation in not having turkey on Thanksgiving," says Editor Ganz in the Pike County News. "We weren't fed on turkey hash the balance of the week."

A thief entered a henhouse in Warrensburg a few night ago and stole a dozen chickens but dropped a purse containing \$140 and it was found next morning by the owner of the fowls. The thief must now choose between freedom with the chickens and his \$140 with a penitentiary sentence.

Somebody told the manager of the Ridgeway opera house last week that a certain attraction which he had booked was no good. The manager returned the reserved seat money and then told the people that he would not recommend the show. The show turned out to be a good one and the manager of the opera house is out about \$25.

The Christmas card "poem contest" being conducted by Miss Isabelle Mae Doolittle in the Paw Paw Bazaar, is progressing nicely. Yesterday Miss Doolittle printed the poem of a little girl—none other than little Teeny Ricketts, daughter of Paw Paw Corner's beloved postmaster. The poem follows:

He's comin' soon, Kris Kringle,
Over the roof he'll skin.
With presents for little Nell and Kate,
An' little Tom an' Jim.
I want a doll-an' a doll house,
I want 'em like the dickens,
An' gum an' candy—don't forget me,
Kris—
Yours truly, Little Teeny Ricketts.

There is a man living in Henry county named Richezzell—but he isn't.

The editor of the Parnell Sentinel is preparing to land a fearful jolt on the solar plexus of the Standard Oil trust. He proposes to cut out oil entirely and go to bed at Sundown every night.

If you want to live to a ripe old age move to Linn county. There are nine persons over 90 years old and twenty-four over 85 living in that county.

Down in St. Louis a day or two ago a man who bought a tobacco stand found later that he was the owner of a carefully selected line of fine shavings and sawdust. The Trenton Republican-Tribune thinks it evident that the man who sold out was one of those silent, thrifty fellows who say nothing and saw wood.

And now comes Jacob Collett, who lives near Aulville, with a story of a vine that bore nineteen pumpkins, the total weight of which was 759 pounds.

The "trouble hunters" of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company's Hannibal branch struck the other day. They have found more trouble since than they had found in weeks before.

A Marshall widow, who removed her dead husband's picture from the parlor to the dining room several weeks ago, has now placed it in the attic. Her friends expect the announcement within a week.

A faker with a brand new graft is working a game in Southern Missouri. When he strikes a town he locates the best attended church and goes to it on Sunday. During the benediction he falls over in a fit to gain sympathy. Finally he recovers and works the congregation for \$20 or \$30 "to get home to Iowa with."

Paw Paw Bazaar: "This world of our's is in danger, friends," sez Uncle Ezra Fox, a poundin' with his fist upon a cracker box. "I tell you that this country is a foolin' with the saw with that there plan to dig across that neck of Panama. Now take the old Pacific—ain't it bigger by a heap than that there old Atlantic? Ain't it almost twice ez deep? Well, sponin' that we dig that ditch—it's reason, friends, by Joe—the biggest ocean's bound to make the other overflow. The water from the west will come on through with might an' main an' flood all France, them Netherlands an' Italy an' Spain. An' jest ez like ez not 't would flood some other countries, too. Most like it would back on us—you can't tell what 't would do. No, sir," concluded Ezra, "it is mighty plain to me that this here country ought to stop an' let that isthmus be. But if it don't we might as well start buildin' on an ark. I tell you what, the future of this world is mighty dark."

"We have the consolation of knowing," says Cels Calvert in the St. Joseph News and Press, "that when we die there will be no serious dispute over the division of our estate." But why not cut out the "serious?"

It is possible to ride thirteen miles in one direction on the Bilby ranch in Atchison county.

Under the head of "A Painful Nail," the Nodaway Forum printed the most interesting ingrowing toenail story Missouri has known for a long time Thursday.

Speaking of the "most unkindest cuts of all," the Tina Herald, in telling of a killing in Kansas City recently, said, "The sum of \$397.69 was found on the body—which proves that the dead man had not been in the city long."

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